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SUBJECT:NAMSA AND TURKEY; CYPRUS

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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT US POLICY DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO FMS ORDERS PLACED ON BEHALF OF TURKEY BY NAMSA. ESENBEL STATED NAMSA DECISION HAD POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSING TURKISH GOVERNMENT IF IT BECOME MATTER OF PUBLIC DEBATE. OPPONENTS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD PORTRAY US MOVE AS TANTAMOUNT TO EXTENDING US EMBARGO TO MULTILATERAL INSTITUTION UNDER NATO. ESENBEL ENDED COMMENT BY SAYING SUBJECT PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE, AND US POSITION NOT PALATABLE FOR TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

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2. NIMETZ REMINDED ESENBEL THAT DEPT HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR NOT ACTING FASTER OR EXTENDING POLICY FURTHER, AND THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO AVOID PUBLICITY. HE NOTED THAT ISSUE HAD NOT GENERATED MUCH US PRESS INTEREST. NIMETZ GAVE ESENBEL NO GROUNDS FOR THINKING POLICY COULD BE ALTERED, AND SAID ONLY REAL SOLUTION WAS FOR THE DCA TO BE PASSED AND THE EMBARGO LIFTED. HE REMINDED ESENBEL THAT WE ARE NOT INTER-

FERING WITH NAMSA OPERATIONS ON BEHALF OF TURKEY, SINCE

NAMSA CAN ACQUIRE ITEMS FROM THIRD COUNTRY SOURCES OR
COMMERCIALLY FROM US SOURCES, BUT OUR LAW REGULATES USE
OF FMS ON BEHALF OF TURKEY.

3. THERE WAS THEN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS. NIMETZ
EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING TURKS TO CLARIFY AND
DEFINE WHAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS MIGHT DO WITH RESPECT TO EX-
PANDING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL WHEN INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS RESUMED. HE STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF REACHING
AGREEMENT ON HANDLING CYPRUS MISSING PERSON ISSUE IN NEXT
FEW DAYS. ESENBEL GRUMBLED PARTICULARLY ON THIS LAST
POINT, BUT SAID HE WOULD CONVEY US VIEWS TO ANKARA. VANCE

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